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FM AMEMBASSY RANGOON

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INFO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

C O N F I D E N T I A L RANGOON 1101

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, TH, BM, JA

SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER NE WIN' S VISITS TO JAPAN AND THAILAND

REF: A. TOKYO 5739

B. BANGKOK 7309

1. REPORTING IN REFTELS, WHICH MUCH APPRECIATED, TENDS TO BEAR OUT WHAT LITTLE WE HAVE PICKED UP HERE RE NE WIN' S JAPAN AND THAILAND VISITS. AS IS THE CASE WITH ANY TOPIC INVOLVING NE WIN, GUB OFFICIALS ARE MOST RELUCTANT TO COMMENT, AND HAVE SOUGHT SIMPLY TO EMPHASIZE THAT NE WIN' S TALKS WITH LEADERS OF BOTH COUNTRIES WERE CONDUCTED IN EXTREMELY CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE.
2. WE HOPE SOON TO GET PLAYBACK FROM JAPANESE AMBASSADOR, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM TOKYO.
3. ACCORDING TO THAI EMBASSY SOURCE, BANGKOK AND WIRE SERVICE PRESS REPORTS THAT JOINT COMMUNIQUE WOULD BE ISSUED AT END OF THAI VISIT WERE RESULT OF PREMATURE COMMENTS BY DEP FON MIN CHARTCHAI, WHO HAD OPTIMISTICALLY ASSUMED THAT NE WIN WOULD BE AGREEABLE.
4. THAI EMBASSY IS LOOKING FORWARD TO ARRIVAL IN RANGOON MAY 14

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OF NEW AMBASSADOR, COLONEL SANONG THAMANGRAKSAT, AND DESCRIBES HIM AS BROAD GAUGE OFFICER WHO HAS NOT HAD FULL ASSIGNMENT ABROAD BUT HAS TAKEN MILITARY TRAINING COURSES IN ENGLAND AND ITALY. THAI EMBASSY ASSUMES HE WILL ARRIVE FULLY BRIEFED ON NE WIN'S TALKS WITH THAI LEADERS AND WILL HAVE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT STEPS.

5. WHILE NE WIN'S RETURN TO RANGOON MAY 5 RECEIVED FRONT PAGE COVERAGE IN THE PRESS ( WEEKA 18), NO SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF HIS TRIP WERE DISCLOSED, AND CHARACTERISTICALLY A VEIL OF SILENCE HAS BEEN DRAWN OVER WHATEVER ACTIVITIES HE HAS ENGAGED IN SINCE HIS RETURN.

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